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# THE DAILY BEAT

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## MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

### [SENATORS TO IHS: ASK FOR MORE MONEY](#)

By BECKY SHAY, Gazette Staff (08/16/07)



JAMES WOODCOCK/Gazette

Charles North, acting chief medical officer of the Indian Health Service, testifies during a U.S. Senate Indian Affairs field hearing Wednesday at Crow Agency. On the left is Pete Conway, director of the Billings Area Indian Health Services, and on the right is Dr. H. Wesley Clark, director of the Center for Substance Abuse.

CROW AGENCY - Two U.S. senators chastised national Indian Health Service leaders for not seeking needed funding and "rationing" health care in Indian Country.

Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., chairman of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee, led the hearing at the multipurpose building. About 200 people attended the hearing, including national IHS leaders. The

hearing was recorded into the Congressional Record.

Dorgan said it is scandalous that at funding time IHS leaders say "things are pretty good" while budgeting for about 60 percent of the need in Indian Country.

Sen. Jon Tester, D-Mont., who is on the committee, said he is "outraged" by the Indian Country tenet of "don't get sick after June" because there won't be money to pay for services that are not a threat to life or limb.

### [CROW AGENCY ENJOYS DAY FULL OF HONORS](#)

By Gazette Staff (08/16/07)

CROW AGENCY - The regional director of the federal Department of Health and Human Services presented awards to Crow tribal members and agencies Wednesday.

Joe Nunez and Mark Gilbert, regional administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, made the presentations during the Council of Large Land Based Tribes' and Montana-Wyoming Tribal Leaders' Council joint meeting in Crow Agency.

In addition to the tribal leaders' meeting, Crow Agency is gearing up for the annual Crow Fair celebration, and it hosted a Senate field hearing on health care in Indian Country and Medicare's "Healthier U.S. Starts Here" bus tour on Wednesday.

### [AUCTION TO BENEFIT MUSEUM](#)

By Gazette News Services

RED LODGE - A full-size traditional Crow tepee, painted by Kevin Red Star, will be auctioned to help raise money for the Carbon County Historical Society and Museum.

Red Star will donate half the proceeds from the sale to the Carbon County Historical Society and Museum. It will

be sold through a telephone auction, which begins today and ends at 5 p.m. Nov. 15.

### [GLACIER COUNTY WELFARE MOVES INTO ITS NEW FACILITIES IN BROWNING](#)

By JOHN MCGILL, Glacier Reporter (08/15/07)

"The best thing about it is we have 100 percent ADA compliance," said Kati Bremner, director of the Glacier County Welfare Office in Browning. The new office, located a block off U.S. Highway 2 in the town's center, has been open for business since July 27. "We have wonderful access for people in wheelchairs," she continued, "and we now have a big building that meets our needs completely."



*The staff stood out front on the new staircase leading into the new Glacier County Welfare Office in Browning, open since July 27, and offering disability compliance as well as privacy and comfort for their clients. Seen are Barb Flamand, Carol Hannon, D'Arla Peterson, Monica Butterfly, Lena Little Leaf, Gaylene After Buffalo, Kati Bremner, Melanie Gopher, Elisha Gobert and Sandra Racine. Photo by John McGill*

### [LAMEBULL LEAVES BEHIND STRONG LEGACY, EXAMPLE](#)

By KAREN OGDEN, Tribune opinion (08/16/07)



Don't drink, don't smoke and — with good luck and good genes — you've got a shot at living past the century mark.

Theresa Walker Lamebull, who died Friday at 111, gave her children another piece of advice on good living: Don't gossip. It hurts others.

I can't help but think that Theresa's compassion and respect for people had something to do with her longevity.

### [JOHNSON'S BILL TO PROMOTE NATIVE AMERICAN SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT PASSES COMMITTEE](#)

US Senator Tim Johnson News Release (07/26/07)

Washington, DC—U.S. Senator Tim Johnson (D-SD) announced today his legislation designed to promote small business development in Indian Country, creating new jobs and increasing prosperity, has passed the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

Johnson gained the bipartisan support of Committee Chairwoman Olympia Snowe (R-ME) and Ranking Democrat John Kerry (D-MA), who included Johnson's bill in the comprehensive Small Business Administration (SBA) package that passed the Committee today. Johnson's Native American Small Business Development Act (NASBDA), S.1907, was initially introduced in 2002 and again in 2003 and 2005.

"This is great news. We passed this bill out of Committee in 2004, but election-year politics got in the way. My colleagues in the Senate have again signaled their support, and the House has included a similar provision in their comprehensive package. We are on track to making this legislation a reality," Johnson said.

Johnson's NASBDA is designed to create new jobs and increase prosperity in Indian Country. Specifically, it would: (1) establish a permanent Office of Native American Affairs within the SBA; (2) create and fund Native American Business Centers to supplement existing Small Business Development Centers (SBDCs); and (3) create two pilot programs to generate new ways of advancing Native American entrepreneurship. These activities would be authorized for appropriations of \$7 million per year.

"Fostering small business growth is a key part of my Hometown Prosperity Plan for increasing employment opportunities and improving local economies in Indian

Country and across South Dakota," said Johnson, a member of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee.

"Economic hardship and staggeringly high unemployment rates are an unfortunate reality for many Native American communities. However, given the proper resources, I believe that Native American-owned businesses can develop and thrive."

### [FORT BELKNAP AGENCY FEDERAL BENEFITS WORKSHOP II](#)

#### **Train the Trainer Seminar**

Information on

- ◆ Social Security Retirement/ Survivor/ Disability/ Medicare
- ◆ Supplemental Security Income/Homeless Outreach Project/Appeals
- ◆ Work Incentive Planning Assistance/Montana Advocacy Program
- ◆ Medicaid/ Veterans Administration Benefits
- ◆ Tribal and Montana Vocational Rehabilitation Services
- ◆ Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP)

@ Sacred Heart Catholic Church  
Fort Belknap Agency, Montana  
September 25th and 26th, 2007

#### **For More Information Contact:**

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Or Roger Ala, DDS, Helena, at 1-800-545-3054

### **YOU'RE INVITED!**

Helena Indian Alliance Annual Summer Picnic  
August 26, 2007  
Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds  
1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The Helena Indian Alliance personally invites you, your organization and family to our Annual Summer Picnic. We have been serving the community since 1969 and enjoying our community picnic for more than 10 years. Come out and enjoy an afternoon of Native American

drumming, traditional games, food, friends, fun and laughter.

#### **JOB VACANCIES:**

**Position #: 05205 FTP Fulfillment Specialist (Administrative Assistant)**, Montana Promotions Division, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Salary: \$9.64 - \$12.05/hr (DOE) Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501; (406) 841-2700 (phone); (406) 841-2701 (fax); Email: [docapplicants@mt.gov](mailto:docapplicants@mt.gov). Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of September 6, 2007, 5 PM.

**Position #: 66423 FTP Operations Specialist (Administrative Specialist)**, Housing Division, Helena, DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Salary: \$28,139 - \$35,174. (DOE). Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted to a Montana Job Service Office or the Montana Department of Commerce, via mail, fax or electronically: Personnel Office, PO Box 200501, Helena MT 59620-0501; (406) 841-2700 (phone) (406) 841-2701 (fax); Email: [docapplicants@mt.gov](mailto:docapplicants@mt.gov). Applications must be received or postmarked by the closing date of August 29, 2007, 5 PM.

[AS QUOTED FROM ONE OF OUR VERY OWN...](#) (By BECKY SHAY, Billings Gazette 08/16/07) **Jace Killsback**, a councilman from the Northern Cheyenne Indian Tribe who is also a member of the National Indian Health Board. Killsback said that on a per-capita basis, American Indian health care funding is half of that received by federal prisoners.

"For proud nations of people who fought for their freedom to protect their way of life and negotiated honestly for a few considerations, like health care for their people, in exchange for their land and their lives - surely Congress can do better," he said.